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## Draft decision 25/[...]: Amendment to rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council

*The Governing Council,*

*Having heard* the report of the working group established at the twenty-fifth session to consider the amendment to rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council,

*Decides* to amend rule 19 of the rules of procedure, in accordance with rule 69, to read:

**Rule 19**

1. The President, Vice-Presidents and Rapporteur shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall, subject to the provisions of rule 17, be eligible for re-election. None of them may hold office after the expiration of the term of office of the member of which he or she is a representative.

2. If during a session of the Governing Council the President is unable to permanently perform his or her functions, the Bureau shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents as Acting President until a new President is elected by the Council upon nomination by the State or the regional group of States to which that member belongs and for the remainder of the term.

3. If during a session of the Governing Council a Vice-President or the Rapporteur is unable to permanently carry out any of her or his functions, the Governing Council may elect a replacement upon nomination by the State or the regional group of States to which that member belongs and for the remainder of the term.

4. If during an intersessional period of the Governing Council the President, a Vice-President or the Rapporteur resigns or is unable to exercise his or her functions, or if the Member State of which he or she is a representative ceases to be a member of the Council, the State or the regional group of States to which that member belongs shall nominate a replacement for the remainder of the term. The Executive Director shall, upon receipt of the nomination, inform all members of the Council of the nomination in writing. Unless objections from a majority of the members of the Governing Council are received by the Executive Director in writing within 30 days of the dispatch of the nomination, the nominee is deemed duly elected.

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